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Questions billow around car fire in parking garage



A 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix was found in the K-State Parking Garage on fire at approximately 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

BY JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

press statement. However, their office did not publish any statement on the matter.

The press release issued by the fire department did mention that Parking Services officials assured them that the garage was safe and no damage was done to the structure.

An unidentified man wearing jeans, T-shirt and a black jacket attempted to prevent people from getting to the west side of the third floor of the garage. The man threatened to

have a Collegian student employee arrested, even though said student already received police permission to access the area.

Maj. Don Stubbings of the K-State Police Department said the man did not work for the police department.

"That's not one of ours," Stubbings said. "All of ours were in uniform."

The car, valued at \$2,000, was considered a total loss according to the fire department.

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K-State Police, Manhattan Fire Department and Mike's Towing evaluate a car that caught fire inside the second level of the parking garage on Thursday afternoon.

SGA discuss using surplus funds for Union renovation

BY BRIDGET BERAN
THE COLLEGIAN

The Student Governing Association's Thursday meeting focused on funding for the K-State Student Union and encouraging the Kansas Board of Regents to adopt a policy of noting on non-academic misconduct dismissals on transcripts.

According to Bill Smriga, executive director of the Union,

in light of choices made by students and the current tone of the construction business, the renovation would cost more than the funds currently allocated by several million dollars. Rather than have to cut a multitude of the projects, senators attempted to find a resolution to this problem.

Student Body President Reagan Kays, senior in agribusiness, addressed senators about the existence of bond surplus funds, which are collected based on student enrollment rising, and uti-

lizing these dollars to help make up the difference. Senators also considered an allocation of student bond privilege fee debt reduction and emergency allocation account for the Union renovation.

It is proposed that \$1.2 million be allocated to the renovation process from this account as well. "We looked at these accounts and decided that it made no sense for students to be investing these monies and not be seeing anything out of it," Kays said. "Rather than having all this

money just sitting in Anderson Hall where it can be swept by the state, we'd rather use it to fulfill the renovations that students want in the Union."

The bond surplus fund received an average of \$382,000 each year and has not been utilized since 2010. The student bond privilege fee debt reduction and emergency allocation account currently has a balance of \$2,103,951.95.

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K-State awards undergraduates with research grants

BY JILL SEILER
THE COLLEGIAN

Undergraduate research is receiving more emphasis in the push to become a Top 50 public research university by 2025.

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry presented its inaugural undergraduate research award grants earlier this month to 20 K-State students.

Anita Cortez, director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry, said she feels that undergraduate research is an essential part of reaching the 2025 goal.

"Undergraduate research is important," Cortez said. "Students get involved earlier in their career. They're networking with professionals in their field early. They are presenting at national conferences, and many are already published by the time they graduate."

Jason Ellis, assistant professor in communications and agricultural education, said he believes undergraduate research will help K-State reach its goal of being a top 50 public research university by 2025 by addressing two themes of goal: research and undergraduate education.

"Undergraduate research advances student thinking, student learning and student engagement in the university, all things that attract students to K-State, help keep students at K-State and help students support K-State now and as future alumni," Ellis said via email.

Cortez said she believes that a student who has conducted undergraduate research has a better chance of getting into graduate school. Furthermore, she said she also believes that students who do undergraduate research will become more passionate about their field because they can have a real impact on their field of study.

Maggie Hulett, junior in animal sciences and industry, received an Undergraduate Research Award grant for her dairy nutrition study. She said she feels that participating in undergraduate research has been important to her college career.

"I think it's definitely important," Hulett said. "It opened me up to new experiences. I've never done anything like this before, and now I'm considering going to grad school because I've liked what I have done so far."

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry presented two types of awards: the Undergraduate Research Award grant and the Undergraduate Travel Award. The research award was a maximum of \$1,000 and was presented to freshmen through seniors from all across the university.

The travel award will reimburse students for the cost of attending and traveling to events associated with their research, such as to present or attend a conference.

First preference was given to students who had not conducted a research project before or who had not been funded before. This was in an effort to bring more undergraduates into research.

"We're only scratching the surface," Cortez said. "Most students don't know what they can do."

Hulett said she believes the grant program will help bring awareness to what students can do in terms of undergraduate research.

"I think it should increase the interest in research projects," Hulett said. "If there's money going towards it than it might motivate more students to go through with research."

Students interested in undergraduate research should reach out to professors in departments they are interested in conducting a research project in. Hulett met with several different professors in multiple departments before she decided to conduct her research in dairy nutrition with Barry Bradford, associate professor in animal sciences and industry.

The undergraduate research grants are a large part of trying to get more students into research. However, the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry is also starting a Research Ambassador program to help make more students aware of the benefits of doing research during their undergraduate.

Cortez said she hopes that the grant program and ambassadors will help make more students aware of the opportunities and benefits of research.

"In 10 years, I see most students knowing about us and coming through the door," Cortez said. "I see students knowing when they come to K-State that this is a place they come to do undergraduate research. We've been doing undergraduate research at K-State for a long time. Hopefully the grants will make it better known."

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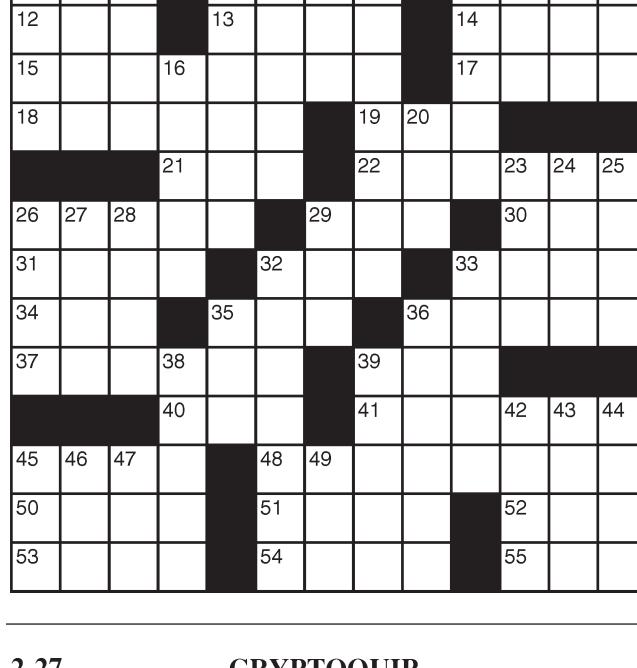
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Due to a Collegian error on page 1 of Thursday's edition, Encyclopaedia Britannica was misspelled.

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Tuesday, Feb. 24

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By Dave Green



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DAY OF MUSIC

K-State hosts band festival



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Freshman explains his passion for hunting, his future in the industry

By SAVANNAH RATTANAVONG
THE COLLEGIAN

Crouched on a tall ledge overlooking a wooded forest in Colorado, Nate Watson, freshman in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, set his gaze upon a bull elk grazing in the distance. He continued watching the animal for a minute before raising his rifle and lining it up to the elk's heart.

Watson quivered with anticipation, but forced himself to breathe in and out and murmur a quick prayer. And with that, he let his finger pull the trigger.

"There's this thing called buck fever," Watson said. "It's when you're lining up, getting ready to pull a trigger on an animal, and it's just like this surge of adrenaline that gets in you and you just start shaking. I remember with my first buck I missed the first shot at it because I was shaking so much, but I knocked it down on the second one. I always pray before I shoot, and I always take deep breaths and try to get in the most controlled and relaxed position as I can."

Watson, an avid hunter, grew up in a family of hunters and fishermen in Albuquerque, New Mexico – so it was only natural that he took on the trade and hobby, as well.

"Back home, my dad manages an indoor shooting range and a gun store so I kind of grew up hunting and fishing my whole life," Watson said. "I love the outdoors. We had a cabin in the mountains in Northern New Mexico, and so every chance I got I went up there or went on a backpacking trip with



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buddies."

Watson traveled all across the country to states including Colorado, Montana, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming and Kansas. Through his travels, Watson was able to experience all sorts of terrains and wildlife.

"Being from New Mexico is kind of cool, because we have all these strange exotic animals there that a lot of people don't get to hunt," Watson said. "I've gotten to hunt a broad range of animals like ibex, barbary sheep and oryx. What I love to hunt the most though is probably deer and elk. I've gotten to hunt a variety of birds too and I also shoot a lot of wild pigs."

As a frequent and consciously respectful hunter, Watson said he makes sure that no animal he hunts goes to waste. He uses as much of the hide and meat of the animal as he can, because of his beliefs and general respect for nature.

"I think that God gave us animals to rule over and it says that in the Bible, so I believe that," Watson said. "There's a lot of different ethics out there for hunting. I have the utmost respect for every animal I hunt and so every animal I kill, I use

as much meat off the animal as possible. I don't think it's respectful to shoot an animal just for the sport of it. We skin the meat of everything we kill. If I shoot something and it runs, I do everything I can to recover that animal."

Watson hunts with his

STATE BRIEFS

compiled by Chloe Creager

Zoetis helps establish CORE for College of Veterinary Medicine

According to a K-State news release, Zoetis, a leading animal health company, recently gifted \$250,000 to the College of Veterinary Medicine to help establish the Center for Outcomes Research and Education. Also known as CORE, the new research and training center will focus on applying and extending outcomes research in animal health both from a national and worldwide perspective.

The goal of CORE is to improve effectiveness and efficiency in animal health care and related impacts on human health. The center will also demonstrate the value of

veterinary treatment, prevention and diagnostic activities.

"This is an exciting opportunity to expand outcomes research to the global animal health community," Sabina Gasper, global head of outcomes research for Zoetis, said in the news release. "By supporting the creation of CORE, K-State has clearly demonstrated its commitment to veterinary medicine and animal health and we are pleased to be at the forefront of this effort. The center will focus on the projects that have U.S. and global reach to strengthen the impact of outcomes research in animal health."

RCPD investigates criminal damage to rental property

According to Little Apple Post, Riley County Police Department officers responded to a report of criminal damage to property in the 800 block of Fremont Street around 11:45 a.m. Tuesday. The owner of the property, Roger Seymour, 55, placed the call after discovering the rental space had been severely damaged.

Damage to the rental property included several broken doors, a broken toilet, a broken sink and broken cabinets, with an estimated damage cost of approximately \$1,500. At the time of Little Apple Post's publication, no arrests had been made and police are continuing to investigate.

Marlatt Elementary reports, comments on vague criminal threat

According to Little Apple Post, the Riley County Police Department received a call about a criminal threat at Marlatt Elementary around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. The following statement was later issued to the public:

"Dear Marlatt families,

On Feb. 25, the school received a vague comment by mail but there were no specific threats made to the school or staff. Regardless, the Riley County Police Department plans to investigate the matter. We will continue to closely adhere to our current safety practices.

Brett Nelson
Principal, Marlatt Elementary School"

POLICE BRIEFS

compiled by Chloe Creager

An attempt to break up fight injures two

Riley County Police Department responded to a report of aggravated battery Tuesday at approximately 3:35 p.m. regarding an incident that had happened previously on Sunday around 2:20 a.m., according to Little Apple Post.

Victims of the battery, Riley Ross, 22, of Manhattan and Zachary Kasmiskie, 20, of Manhattan, sustained non-life threatening injuries after they attempted to stop a physical altercation between two unnamed subjects. Both victims were injured by the same suspect.

At the time of the Little Apple Post's publication, no arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing.

Pottawatomie Jail inmate found dead; no foul play suspected

According to Little Apple Post, Pottawatomie County Jail inmate Andrew Brown, of Wamego, was found unresponsive in his cell by just after midnight during rounds in the jail Tuesday. Pottawatomie County Emergency Medical Services was notified and Brown was transported to Wamego City Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation received notification immediately and is conducting an investigation of the death. At the current time, foul play is not suspected.

K-State to host Kansas American Planning Association Symposium

According to a K-State news release, the university's landscape architecture and regional and community planning department, in association with the Kansas chapter of the American Planning Association, will be hosting a regional symposium next Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The symposium, which is open to the public, will showcase local efforts to address issues related to environment, economy and equity. It will include tour projects led by landscape architecture and regional and community planning in the news release.

Gibson said he hopes the symposium will eventually become an event that cycles around the state each spring.

"Planning for sustainability requires understanding of site specific solutions," Gibson said in the news release. "Attendees at this year's symposium will learn about a broad range of sites demonstrating best practices in sustainable planning and design."

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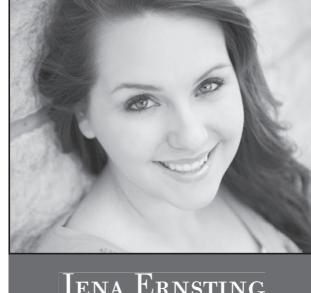
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Current gun control is too controlling



JENA ERNSTING
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At the age of 5, I was given my first gun. It was a Daisy BB gun. Since then, I have shot and handled more powerful and more intimidating guns. Every time I pick up a gun, whether it be one I have shot hundreds of times or something new, I hear the same stream of words in my head that my dad told me the day he gave me my Daisy:

"The gun can be dangerous if handled incorrectly," he said. "Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and always treat the gun as if it is loaded, even if you know it is not. All guns need to be treated with respect."

I believe that "gun control" is knowing how to control a gun. It is constantly knowing and understanding how to correctly use and treat whatever gun is in your possession. It is the ability to use common sense.

The Kansas Board of Regents policy on weapons possession states that a weapon is, "any object or device which will, is designed to or may be readily converted to expel a bullet, shot or shell by the action of an explosive or other propellant." It continues with more specificity as to what a weapon is considered to be.

I understand the need for a weapons policy in regards to campus safety, but I do not think a policy will hold a shooter back from their intent.

In 2013, a provision was created where

colleges and universities in Kansas could not prohibit people carrying concealed guns unless a building has "adequate security measures." The institutions governing boards can request an exemption prohibiting concealed weapons for up to four years, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

K-State has not had a change in the weapons policy since 2009, and concealed carry or open carry is not allowed on campus. I have always felt safe on campus with the exception of walking alone at night. I am grateful for the universities' safety apps, LiveSafe and Wildcat Walk, but neither makes me feel safer when walking on campus alone at night, even with a police officer next to me. If I were up against someone with the intent of killing or hurting me with no sort of protection of my own, there is no doubt in my mind I would lose that fight.

As of Wednesday, Kansas adults are allowed to carry concealed handguns, loaded or unloaded, after the Senate endorsed legislation. Kansans do not have to obtain a state license or participate in a firearms safety course beforehand, according to The Topeka-Capital Journal. I believe that K-State should follow in this legislation's footsteps.

I would feel safer if I was allowed to carry a gun on campus. Although I may not ever have to use it, having a gun as personal protection would make me feel a lot safer. The minimum age for open carry in Kansas is 18 years old. There is no reason I should not be able to exercise my right when walking on state ground or university property.

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Keep restricting guns on campuses



KELLY IVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

I am not familiar with guns. I have never owned a gun; I have never felt comfortable around them. This is why I believe that regardless of someone's skill behind the trigger, whether they hunt for sport or go to the shooting range on the weekend, there is no reason guns should ever be allowed on K-State's campus.

The rise of active shooters is one reason why guns, concealed carry or not, should not be allowed on college campuses. An active shooter is "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims," according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Active shooters are known to act quickly and sporadically, and responding to them is very difficult. Oftentimes, active shooter situations are over before law enforcement even arrives at the scene. K-State is trying to find the best response to active shooters, according to the Collegian's article, "K-State to adopt new policy in response to active shooters."

ALICE: alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate: this is the strategy K-State has designed to keep students safe in the case of an active shooter. A study conducted by the FBI showed that there were 160 active shooter incidents.

dents, resulting in the death of 486 people from 2000-2013. 24.3 percent of those incidents (120 casualties and 39 incidents) occurred in an educational environment.

With the number of active shooter incidents continuing to grow, it is no wonder K-State is adopting a policy to protect its students even more from an incident happening on our beloved campus.

The jury selection for the Colorado theater shooting case is currently underway, and I can't help but think that something like that could've happened closer to home, if not on our very own campus. The Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 still weighs heavily on students' minds everywhere, and the list of tragic active shooter incidents goes on and on.

Not everyone agrees that students are actually safer without guns. Lawmakers in 10 states are actually pushing bills to permit the carrying of firearms on campuses, hoping that arming females will lower the number of sexual assaults. These states include Florida, Nevada, Indiana, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming, according to The New York Times.

While I can acknowledge that sexual assault is a huge problem on college campuses, I can't help but think women and men alike stand a better chance against someone attempting assault than an active shooter taking open fire on campus. There are other, more reliable ways to remain safe on campus without holstering a gun to your backpack. Let's reverse this trend of growing active shooters and make campuses everywhere a safer place.

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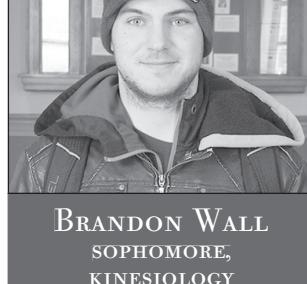
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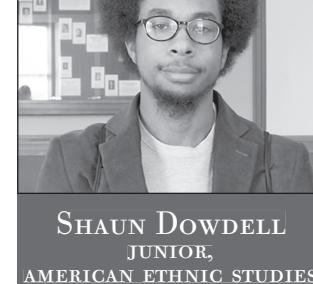
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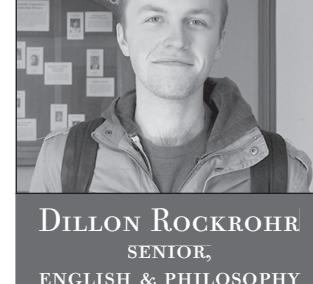
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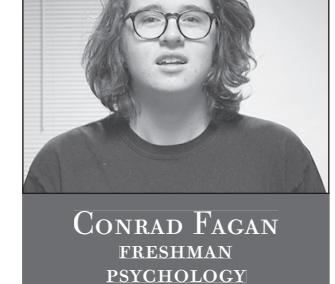
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"It'd be between hip-hop and reggae. The 3hree Project, because it represents more than hip-hop; it represents where I come from."

"Probably some sort of indie-folk. Radiohead."

"80s hair metal, because it's what I grew up listening to and seeing. Stryper."

SGA | Senators encouraged to speak out against state legislators' education cuts

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Senators could allot almost \$3 million to cover projects including a catering kitchen, Little Theatre renovations, Bluemont Room renovations and other projects.

While the renovations are not attractive pieces, according to Smriga they are important to the financial health of the Union.

"We hope with these funds we can give students the Union that they want and that they deserve," Kays said.

Senators passed a resolution to recommend the Kansas Board of Regents adopt K-State's policy to note on students' transcripts if they were dismissed for non-academic misconduct. Sarah Haley, senior in psychology, proposed an amendment for the notation to include whether or not the misconduct involved violence. While heavily debated by senators, the amendment was declined.

Heather Reed, assistant vice president to the Office of Student Life, was on hand to help answer questions and provide guidance about K-State's current policy and

the changes being made.

Changes were made to the statutes for allocations funding to eliminate prior loopholes, such as organizations that require students to be enrolled in a specific class, and travel expenses. Mason Grittman, senior in mechanical engineering, brought forth an amendment that only allows travel expenses to be allotted to students who were currently enrolled at K-State or were within six months of graduation with prior experience in the organization.

Statutes were also changed to the fine arts funding regulations to include benefits and to the statutes concerning the recreational complex contract.

Kiley Moody, coordinator for New Student Services, spoke to senators about the power they have as students to be involved in the political process and encourage them to speak out against the education cuts being made by state legislators.

"If storming a court can make national news, just think what storming the capitol could do," Moody said.

Student Centered Tuition En-

hancement's budget of \$432,757 to fund 12 projects including Wildcat Watch, the student writing center, Developing Scholars program along with others, was approved. The tuition enhancement fund had an excess of \$321,026.77 which will be put into a reserve account for additional tuition enhancement allocations.

Lizzie Petite, senior in management, informed senators that the executive board would be collecting assessments on students' needs related to OrgSync in the spring.

Funds worth \$750 were approved for the Little Apple Pride Parade, which will take place April 11, the same day as K-State Open House. The Student Finance Association also received \$1,000 to travel to New York City for the Financial Companies Tour.

Funds worth \$1,000 were also given to the American Institute of Graphic Arts to travel to Dallas, Texas for the National Student Show and Conference. On the Spot Improv Club received \$450 in funding to travel to Chicago for the National College Improv Tournament.

WATSON | Students hunt on camera, see difficulties

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"It was really cool to see a different aspect of the hunting industry," Watson said. "I'd never been a part of the filming part of it before. It's a lot different. Something I learned is that it's hard when you have a camera crew with you. You have to be able to get the shot on camera. There are a lot of circumstances that will arise that will prevent that so a lot more things have to go right when there's a camera crew with you to make it successful."

Marchant Starr, sophomore in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management, was also chosen to go on the trip, and said she appreciated the value of everything they learned.

"I had a great time throughout the trip," Starr said. "We interacted with hunters that didn't treat us like college students. They treated us as hunters. It was a good hands-on experience of what to expect in owning your own hunting operation. We were able to see how to treat future clients because we were the clients in this situation."

Starr also saw the value in strengthening the relationships with her peers.

"Nate and I are in the same class, so we already knew each other," Starr said. "As we spent time with the other students on the trip, we all got closer and became friends."

Watson also realized how important it was to learn as much as he could from the trip and later apply those skills and information when he had his own business.

"If I could choose what I do in the future, it would probably be managing a hunting resort or outfit somewhere," Watson said. "I would totally be open and love to have different camera crews run it, come in and film hunts there; that's great publicity and (public relations) for your company to have that."

The trip only made Watson even more excited for his future in hunting. He said he saw the beauty in nature every time he went out and plans on continuing to respect it in the many years to come.

"Just being out in God's kingdom to me is really special and it's like a different kind of contentment and joy when I'm outside," Watson said. "It's what I'd love to do for the rest of my life."

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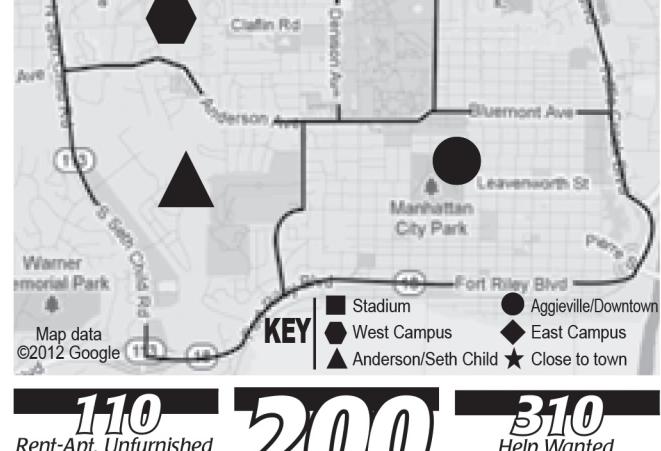
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Weather forces K-State's mitt, cancels weekend home opener

BASEBALL

By TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

Mother Nature has forced the Wildcats to cancel their home opener this weekend against Eastern Illinois. Instead, K-State (4-4) will head west to take part in a three-game series against the University of California (5-3).

K-State head coach Brad Hill said he was disappointed in having to put off the first game of the season at Tointon Family Stadium. With the forecast calling for 9-12 inches of snow; however, Hill said he understands the circumstances call for the cancellation.

"We will adjust," Hill said. "You have to do what you have to do. It's scramble time; it's trying to find the best spot where you felt like if you were going to spend the money. We were going to play and it looked like Berkeley, California

was the best bet."

The Bears will be the fifth Pac-12 team K-State has played this season. The Wildcats are coming off a 2-2 finish at the Big 12/Pac-12 Showdown last weekend.

K-State experienced both the downside and upside of late-game, clutch hitting in Arizona. The Wildcats lost twice on walk-off singles before finally winning on a walk-off single of their own. Senior outfielder Max Brown said he has seen a lot of tenacity in the Wildcats' first eight games.

"It's great to see the whole team just really into it, competing and fighting until that last out, last play," Brown said. "We just have little baseball things we need to work on, but it's just nice to have a good week of practice to fix those up."

Sophomore pitcher Nate Greip (1-0) will make his third start of the season on Saturday, taking his 2.51 ERA against California right-handed pitcher Daulton Jefferies (1-1), who has a ERA of 3.86.

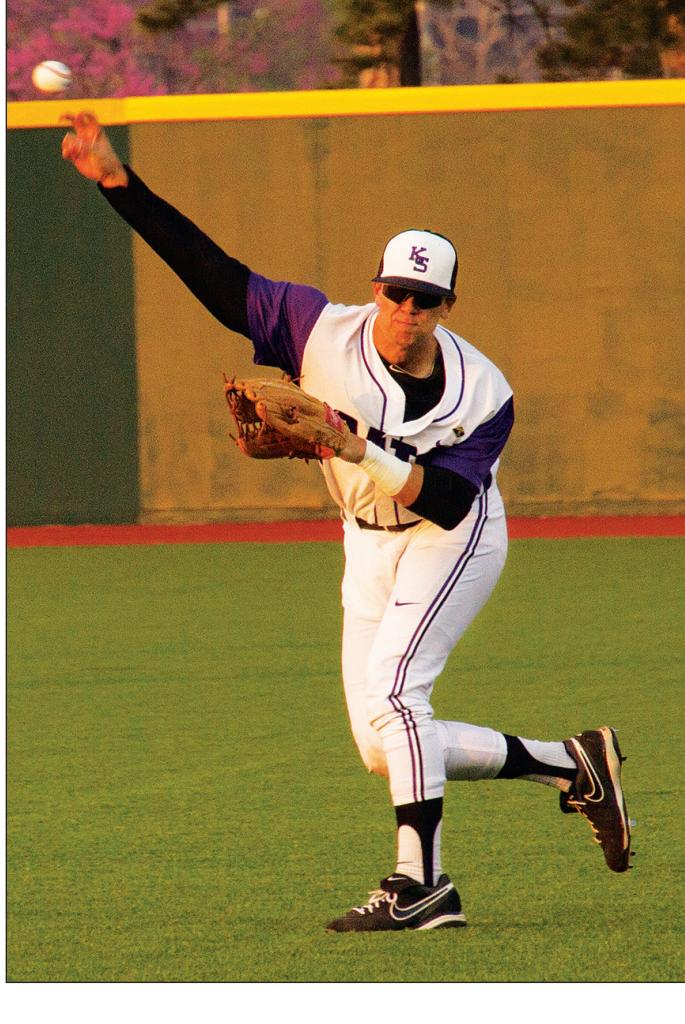
Greip is coming off his second-career complete game, giving up two runs in a win over Utah.

"Greip has been pretty good; (he has) shown us two good outings," Hill said. "He overcame some adversity in his last game and did really well. Obviously he shows that he can go deep into a game. He's a great, conditioned athlete; his maturity level seems to be up."

On Sunday, K-State will send sophomore Colton Kalmus to the mound to take on Ryan Mason (1-0). Junior pitcher Corey Fischer will finish off the series on Monday against a Bear pitcher that is still to be announced.

The Wildcats are 0-4 against California all-time. First pitch on Saturday is scheduled for 8 p.m.

TAYLOR ALDERMAN | THE COLLEGIAN
Sophomore infielder **Taylor Anderson** returns the ball to the field at the K-State vs. Baylor Baseball game on April 17, 2014 at Tointon Family Stadium. The Wildcats took a victory of 8-2 against the Bears.



Wildcats wrap up road slate against TCU

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By ANDREW HAMMOND
THE COLLEGIAN

It's rare to have what would be considered a homecoming game this late in the season.

Such is the case for K-State head coach Jeff Mittie, who faces his former team, TCU, in Fort Worth, Texas Saturday for the first time since leaving for K-State.

In the season's first meeting in Bramlage Coliseum, the Wildcats (16-11, 6-10) dispatched the Horned Frogs (16-11, 8-8) 93-79 in an offensive explosion that saw K-State nearly eclipse the century mark for the first time in nine seasons.

"The basketball part was the easy part," Mittie said following the TCU victory earlier this month. "The preparation, we didn't talk about it. I think they knew who we were playing."

After the TCU win, K-State dropped three-straight games — two at home — which may dampen their NCAA Tournament at-large bid hopes. However, with a win over in-state rival Kansas on Wednesday, the Wildcats remain in line for a winning season in Mittie's first season as head coach.

One of the stars Wednesday against the Jayhawks was Texas native Haley Texada. The senior scored a season-high 20 points in her final regular season game against Kansas. When playing against TCU earlier this month, Texada put up 16 points to go along with four assists.

Although the Wildcats have struggled at times with consistency, one player has made history by consistently being a threat near the basket. Sophomore Breanna Lewis passed Marlies Gipson with her 87th and 88th blocks of the season Wednesday to become the all-time regular season blocks leader at K-State. Lew-



CASSANDRA NGUYEN | THE COLLEGIAN

K-State head coach **Jeff Mittie** talks with sophomore forward **Breanna Lewis** on the sidelines during the second half of the K-State vs. Oklahoma Women's Basketball game last Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats were led by Lewis with eight boards on the night, but the team suffered a loss of 73-64 against No. 2 Oklahoma.

is has now tallied 36 games with at least two blocks in her two short seasons in the Little Apple.

Much is expected of Lewis, who dominated the Horned Frogs in the first matchup with a career-high 28 points and 12 rebounds. Lately, though, Lewis has

struggled to replicate that form. Although she broke the blocks record against the Jayhawks, she shot just 2-10 from the field to finish with four points and eight rebounds.

K-State and TCU are scheduled to tipoff at 2 p.m. from Fort Worth, Texas.

K-State travels to Iowa today for weekend competition at Big 12 Indoor Championships

TRACK AND FIELD

By EMILIO RIVERA
THE COLLEGIAN

After an impressive showing at the K-State Open last weekend, K-State track and field travel to Ames, Iowa to compete in the Big 12 Indoor Championships.

Last season, the K-State men's and women's teams finished third and fifth in the conference championships, respectively.

This season, K-State bolsters one of its best squads to date, with both the men's and women's team ranked in the top 25 nationally at No. 17 and No. 6, respectively.

The women's team features two-time defending Big 12 champions, junior thrower Sara Savatovic and senior pentathlete Erica Twiss. The Wildcats also currently own the top marks of the season in four separate events.

Junior Akela Jones is responsible for setting three of them. Jones is tops in the conference in long jump, high jump — an honor she shares with sophomore Kim Williamson — and the pentathlon.

The men's team is also filled with talented players, including freshman Christoff Bryan who owns the conference's best mark in the high jump event. Also sitting atop the Big 12 is junior Reinis Kregers, who bests the conference in the heptathlon.

The Big 12 Indoor Championships kick off Friday with the pentathlon before ending on Saturday when each event will crown a conference champion.



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Junior jumper **Alyssa Kelly** soars through the air to a long jump of 5.62 meters at the K-State Open track and field meet on Feb. 20 at Ahearn Field House.

K-State faces nation's top equestrian team this weekend for Senior Day

EQUESTRIAN

By ANDREW HAMMOND
THE COLLEGIAN

time. The trio have combined for 88 wins and 13 Most Outstanding Rider awards during their time at K-State.

"It will be great to finish out at home with the entire team, but extra special as we will be honoring the five graduating seniors who have contributed a lot to our team during their collegiate careers," K-State head coach Casie Maxwell said to K-State Sports.

A K-State win would secure an undefeated record at home for the 2014-15 campaign.

The meet is scheduled to start on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Timbercreek Stables in Manhattan.



HANNAH HUNSINGER | THE COLLEGIAN

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March 1. Participation in the basketball tournament is \$60 per team.

If you are interested in participating in the basketball tournament or want to purchase a ticket, contact Sarah Gorn at vp-prkdkstate@gmail.com. Sign-ups for the basketball tournament will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Food and raffle items are donated from local businesses. Funds raised will be donated to the Manhattan Crisis Center Inc. and the Prevent Child Abuse America organization.

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Iran's Islamic fundamentalist leaders are sworn by their nation's constitution to pursue world conquest through jihad. Through global terror campaigns, Iran has already achieved dominance in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Yemen. It openly threatens to destroy Israel. Despite decades of Western-imposed trade embargos and sanctions, as well as recent U.S.-led negotiations, Iran's drive to amass nuclear arms continues unabated, and its leaders vow not to give up their quest. What more must the U.S. and the world do to stop Iran's apocalyptic nuclear threat?

What are the facts?

Iran is by far the world's most aggressive perpetrator of terrorist acts. It provides direct funding and leadership to Islamic terror groups Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthi rebels in Yemen, and Shiite militias in Iraq, as well as the ruthless Assad regime in Syria. The Islamic republic also has been tied to bloody attacks on civilians in nations as far flung as India, Thailand, Saudi Arabia and Bulgaria, as well as an attempted assassination of the Saudi Ambassador in Washington, DC. Iran was recently implicated in the 1994

implication of a Jewish center in Argentina and a murderous cover-up attempt. But Iran's most belligerent threats have been directed at Israel, which Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei vows to "annihilate."

Iran's terrorist tactics are motivated by its drive to become the dominant power in the Middle East. The Shiite ideology of Iran's leaders commands Muslims to wage global jihad, and their constitution commits them to "the establishment of a universal holy government and the downfall of all others." So far Iran's strategy has been successful, as its controlling influence now spreads over Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and most recently Yemen. More critically, Iran has an effective chokehold over the Gulf of Hormuz, through which much of the world's oil travels.

No wonder most of the world's nations, especially Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, are horrified at the prospect of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons. In fact, a nuclear Iran threatens the worldwide balance of power, particularly in the inflammable Middle East. For Israel, a nuclear-armed Iran poses an imminent threat to its very existence.

Unfortunately, the West, and particularly the United States, must share the blame for allowing Iran to increase its hegemony and acquire nuclear weapons capability. The U.S. pulled out of Lebanon in 1983 after an Iranian-engineered bomb killed 241 Marines, facilitating the rise of Shiite Hezbollah terrorists. When the U.S. pulled out of Iraq in 2003, Iran stepped in,

seizing control of Shiite militias and exerting decisive influence on the Iraqi government. Syria's President

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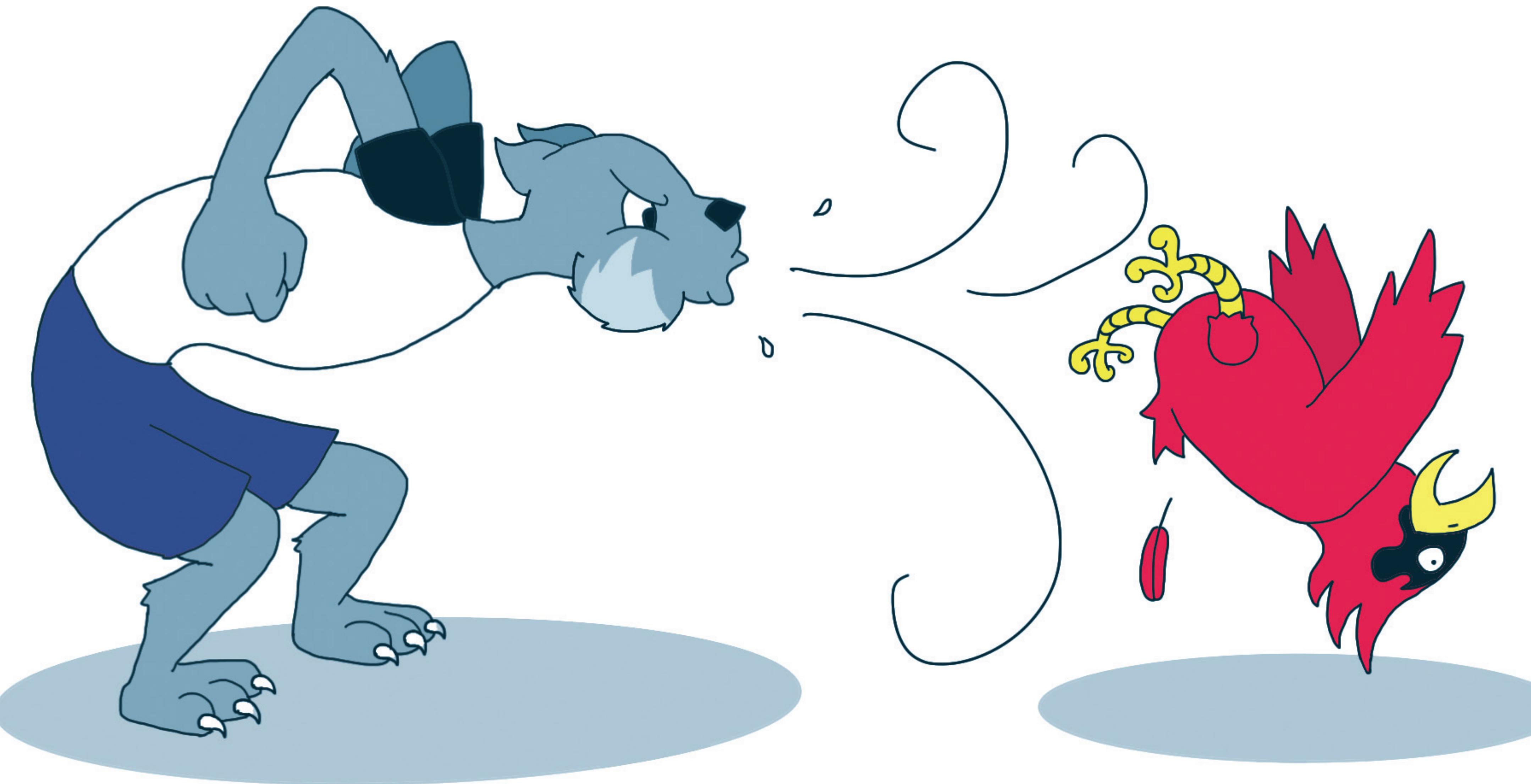
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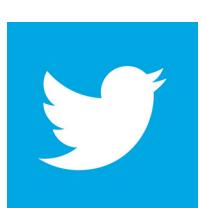
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